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SUBJECT: HAND KNOTTED CARPETS

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1. INFORMATION IN REFTEL A WAS DELIVERED VIA AID MEMOIRE TO DR. A.H. KHAN, JOINT SECRETARY, MINCOMMERCE, BY EMBOFF ON AUGUST 11. DR. KHAN APPRECIATED RECEIVING IT AS IT MADE CLEAR THE REASONS FOR EXCLUSION OF HAND KNOTTED CARPETS FROM THE US GSP. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT USG WOULD FIND HOW TO INCLUDE HAND KNOTTED CARPETS IN THE GSP AS INDICATED IN FINAL PARA OF AID MEMOIRE TEXT.

2. DR. KHAN FURTHER HOPED THAT IN MEANTIME, THE US COULD IMPROVE ITS OFFER IN MTN TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATIONS FOR HAND KNOTTED CARPETS SO AS TO INCLUDE PAKISTANI MADE PRODUCTS. EMBOFF MENTIONED THE CONSTRAINT ON IMPROVEMENT OF US OFFER OUTLINED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL B. DR. KHAN SAID THAT THE COUNTER OFFER REQUESTED BY US POSED NO DIFFICULTY TO GOP. THE EQUIPMENT WAS PRIMARILY IMPORTED BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND A TARIFF REDUCTION WOULD MERELY MEAN A REDUCTION IN A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANOTHER. HOWEVER, THE GOP HAD DIFFICULTY VISUALIZING
AN OFFER ON HEAVY MACHINERY IN THE TROPICAL PRODUCTS
GROUP. THERE ARE ALSO PRESSURES WITHIN THE
LDC GROUP TO MAINTAIN THE PRINCIPLE THAT LDCS WOULD
ONLY MAKE NONRECIPROCAL COUNTER OFFERS AT THE END OF
THE MTN NEGOTIATIONS.
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